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Statement on JPL Health and Safety

The news media have reported on a recently filed lawsuit that asserted that pollution from JPL was responsible for several cases of Hodgkin's disease among local residents. There is no basis for these allegations.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated JPL as a Superfund site because of very low levels of ground water contamination that appear to have resulted from waste disposal practices that took place more than 30 years ago. However, there is no basis to believe that contaminants from JPL could entered the drinking water in La Canada and caused the illnesses claimed by the plaintiffs.

All JPL employees, along with contractors and local residents, are understandably concerned about the health and safety of their families. The community should be assured that there is no route of exposure to contaminants in the ground water for those who work at or live near the Lab. In addition, drinking water is continually monitored and tested to ensure its safety and that it meets all Federal and State Standards. As always, JPL takes every reasonable precaution to safeguard the health of its employees and neighbors.